

Claims

1. Method for negotiating bearer properties in communication networks, with Media Gateway Controllers (MGC) and Media Gateways (MG), in which bearer properties are maintained,

5 characterized in that

Reference lists with influenceable bearer properties are maintained in the Media Gateway Controllers (MGC).

2. Method in accordance with claim 1,

characterized in that

10 the negotiation of the bearer properties is always undertaken via Media Gateway Controllers (MGC-A, MGC-B).

3. Method in accordance with claim 1, 2

characterized in that

the bearer properties are embodied as codecs.

15 4. Method in accordance with claim 1, 2

characterized in that

the bearer properties are embodied as prioritization of the codecs.

5. Method in accordance with claim 1 to 4,

20 characterized in that

a Media Gateway Controller (MGC-A, MGC-B) with a reference list has a master function for the group of Media Gateways (MG) controlled by it.

6. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims,

25 characterized in that

the bearer properties are influenced by the configuration undertaken by the network operator.

7. Method in accordance with one of the previous claims,

characterized in that

the communication networks are embodied as IP networks.